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I. The General Order of Church Service

The Order of Morning Worship

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.
2. The Call to Worship.

   Sentence by the Choir.
   Sentence by the Minister.

3. The Invocation.

   Prayer by the Minister.
   The Lord's Prayer by the Congregation.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

   Ascription.
   Prayer and Confession.
   Confidence and Praise.

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II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
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4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Sermon.
3. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**

V. The Closing Worship.

1. The Offering.
2. Prayer and Benediction. **Congregation seated.**

   Amen by the Choir.
3. Organ Postlude.

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1. Organ Prelude.
2. Choir Call to Worship.
3. Invocation and Lord's Prayer.
4. Hymn. Congregation standing.
5. Lesson.
6. Anthem.
7. Prayer and Response.
8. Hymn. Congregation standing.
9. Sermon.
10. Hymn. Congregation standing.
11. Offering.
12. Prayer and Benediction. Congregation seated.
    AMEN BY THE CHOIR.
13. Organ Postlude.

II. The Order for Each Sunday in the Month

The Order for the First Sunday Morning in the Month

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. The Call to Worship.

   Sentence by the Choir.
   Sentence by the Minister.

3. The Invocation.

   Minister: O God, Thou light of the hearts that trust Thee, Thou life of the souls that love Thee, and strength of all those that seek Thy face, grant us now Thy grace and blessing as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications, and vouchsafe to hear us for Thy name's sake.

   Amen by the Choir.

   All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

   Amen by the Choir.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

   Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
   Who is and who was and who is to come.
   Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
   And honor and power and might
   Be unto our God forever and ever.

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men,
And he shall dwell with them and they shall be his people,
And God himself shall be with them and be their God.

O Lord, grant us Thy salvation.
If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him?
But we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
I came not to call the righteous but sinners.
Hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy people.
If ye forgive men their trespasses
Your heavenly Father will forgive you.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.
Behold in God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid;
For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and song,
And He is become my salvation.
Trust ye in the Lord forever;
For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
Let the peoples praise Thee, O God:
Let all the peoples praise Thee.

5. Hymn 743. Tune, Dix. (211 Hymn Book.)

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ.
All to Thee, our God, we owe;
Source whence all our blessings flow.

As Thy prospering hand hath blessed,
May we give Thee of our best;
And by deeds of kindly love
For Thy mercies thankful prove.
Singing thus, through all our days,
Praise to God, immortal praise.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
3. Responsive Lesson. Congregation seated.

A Confession of Faith and Purpose

WE BELIEVE IN

The One God and Father of all,
Who is over all, and through all and in all;
And we desire to render to Him our supreme love and loyalty.

WE ACCEPT

One Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the revealer of God, and the Way, the Truth and the Life for Men.

WE WORSHIP

God, who is Spirit, in spirit and in truth, as the Helper of our infirmities and the Inspirer of our souls.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES

To the kingdom of God in the world, which is the sway of His Spirit in the hearts and lives of men; of which the one law is love, and the final end the unity of all spirits in the life that is one with God.

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES

To strive, by prayer and self-mastery to forsake sin and live the life of faith, purity and love; in order that we may grow in grace, in the knowledge of the truth, and in the love and service of mankind; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AND WE HOPE

For the forgiveness of sins and the life eternal by union with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

4. Anthem.

III. THE PRAYER.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. THE SERMON.

1. Hymn. Congregation standing.
2. Sermon.
3. Hymn. Congregation standing.

V. THE CLOSING WORSHIP.

1. The Offering. with Organ accompaniment.
2. Prayer and Benediction. Congregation seated.

   AMEN BY THE CHOIR.
3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for the Second Sunday in the Month

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. The Call to Worship.

   Sentence by the Choir.
   Sentence by the Minister.

3. The Invocation.

   Minister: O God, who art Spirit, help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Thou who are Love, teach us to love Thee with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves. Thou who didst shine upon the darkness of the world through Thy Son Jesus, shine in our hearts. Hear our prayers, pardon our sins, accept our worship and grant us the answer of peace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

   Amen by the Choir.

   All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

   Amen by the Choir.

4. Responsive Sentences. **Congregation standing.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.
I will extol Thee, my God, O King,
And I will bless Thy name forever and ever.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
I acknowledge my sin unto Thee,
And mine iniquity have I not hid.
Wherewith shall I come before the Lord
And bow myself before the high God?
He hath showed thee, O man, what is good,
And what doth the Lord require of thee
But to do justly, to love mercy,
And to walk humbly with thy God?

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Gracious is the Lord and righteous:
Yea, our God is merciful.
I was brought low and He helped me.
Trust in Him at all times, ye people;
Pour out your heart before Him.
God is a refuge for us.
O Lord, open Thou my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

5. Hymn. Tune, Old Hundred.

(1 Hymn Book.)

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord,
Eternal truth attends Thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
3. Responsive Lesson. Congregation seated.

The Scripture Revelation

Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;

That the man of God may be perfect,
Furnished completely unto every good work.

God having in old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets.

Hath in these last days spoken unto us in His Son.

And in his teaching Jesus said: The first commandment is, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY MIND AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH. This is the first and great commandment.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness
And Thy law is truth.

And a second is like unto it, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
There is no commandment greater than these; on these two commandments hangeth the whole law and the prophets.
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul unto Thee.
Ye therefore shall be perfect
Even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.
Open Thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wonderful things out of Thy law.
And Jesus said,
Heaven and earth shall pass away,
But my words shall not pass away.
The words that I speak unto you
They are spirit and they are life.
Now the Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish them in every good work and word.

4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Sermon.
3. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**

V. The Closing Worship.

1. The Offering, with Organ accompaniment.
2. Prayer and Benediction. Congregation seated.
   Amen by the Choir.
3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for the Third Sunday in the Month

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. The Call to Worship.

Sentence by the Choir.
Sentence by the Minister.

3. The Invocation.

Minister: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Thy holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But Thou, Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults; restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

Amen by the Choir.

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

AMEN BY THE CHOIR.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
The world and they that dwell therein.
Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
How precious is Thy loving kindness, O God,
And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of Thy wings.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause His face to shine upon us.
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness;
According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me;
Hide Thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities.

The eternal God is thy resting place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

5. Hymn 172. Tune, St. Anne.

(172 Hymn Book.)

O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
  And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
  Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
  And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
  Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
  To endless years the same.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
3. Responsive Lesson. **Congregation seated.**

The Propagation of the Kingdom

Ye are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hid.
I will give thee for a light unto the nations,
That thou mayst be my salvation unto the ends of the earth.
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light,
They that dwell in the shadow of death, unto them hath the light shined.
And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks,
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings;
That publisheth peace.
The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest.
Therefore, seeing we have received this ministry, we faint not; not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully,
But by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Freely ye have received, freely give.
Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Sermon.
3. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**

V. The Closing Worship.

1. The Offering, **with Organ accompaniment.**
2. Prayer and Benediction. **Congregation seated.**
   Amen by the Choir.
3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for the Fourth Sunday in the Month

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. The Call to Worship.
   Sentence by the Choir.
   Sentence by the Minister.

3. The Invocation.

   Minister: O Spirit Eternal, who fillest all things, the Life of all that is and the Father of our spirits; breathe upon us assembled here that we may indeed live before Thee. Confirm us in the truth; strengthen us in the right; inspire in us the love that is born of Thee; and grant that we may wait before Thee in confidence and expectancy to receive the pardon of our sins and Thy gracious help for all needs that are upon us. And enable us to render the sacrifice of thankful hearts in the service of Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

   Amen by the Choir.

   All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

   Amen by the Choir.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God the Almighty.

Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the ages.

To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Be glory and majesty, dominion and power.

Before all time, and now, and unto all the ages.

AMEN.

O Israel, hope in the Lord

For with the Lord there is mercy,

And with Him is plenteous redemption.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we have hoped in Thee.

Now the God of peace be with you all.

So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks forever.

O Zion, let not thy hands be slack;

Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee,

A Mighty One that will save.

This God is our God forever and ever:

He will be our guide even unto death.

5. Hymn 527. Tune, Beecher.

(527 Hymn Book.)

Love divine, all love excelling,
  Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
  All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
  Pure, unbounded love thou art:
Visit us with thy salvation,
  Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit
  Into every troubled breast:
Let us all in thee inherit,
  Let us find thy promised rest.
Come Almighty to deliver,
  Let us all thy grace receive:
Speedily return and never,
  Never more thy temples leave.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
3. Responsive Lesson. Congregation seated.

The Christian Principles

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness,
  For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
Love worketh no ill to his neighbor,
Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness.

The world passeth away and the lust thereof, But he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

No man can serve two masters: ye cannot serve God and mammon.

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened.

Whosoever would be great among you, let him be your servant,

Even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

Whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, shall save it.

For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose or forfeit his own self?

Now the Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. Congregation standing.
2. Sermon.
3. Hymn. Congregation standing.

V. The Closing Worship.

1. The Offering, with Organ accompaniment.
2. Prayer and Benediction. Congregation seated.
   Amen by the Choir.
3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for the Fifth Sunday in the Month

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.
2. The Call to Worship.
   Sentence by the Choir.
   Sentence by the Minister.
3. The Invocation.
   Minister: O God, who are Light, and in whom is no darkness at all, illumine us with Thy truth. Help us by diligent use of our opportunities to scatter the clouds of ignorance that overshadow us. Help us to learn the lessons which life and experience teach, and by docile and obedient hearts to reach that spiritual insight which shall be a true guide amid the mazes of this changeful life. By the study and practice of the principles revealed through Thy son Jesus, may we seek to become wise unto eternal life, and to spread the knowledge of him unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

   Amen by the Choir.

   All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

   Amen by the Choir.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

Ascribe unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the peoples,
Ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength.
I will give thanks unto Thee, O God, among the peoples,
And I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:
For His mercy endureth forever.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses,
For they have been ever of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions,
According to Thy loving kindness remember Thou me,
For Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
Return unto the Lord and He will have mercy,
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy.
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee,
Because he trusteth in Thee.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul,
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

5. Hymn 532. Tune, Dominus regit me.

(532 Hymn Book.)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never:
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth:
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house, forever.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
3. Responsive Lesson. Congregation seated.

The Teaching of the Truth

Assemble me the people and I will make them hear my words,
That they may learn to reverence me all the days that they live upon the earth.

What man is he that feareth the Lord,
Him shall He instruct in the way that He shall choose.

And these words which I command thee this day shall be upon thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths:
Guide me in Thy truth and teach me:
For Thou art the God of my salvation.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go,
I will guide thee with mine eye upon thee.

Through Thy precepts I get understanding:
Therefore I hate every false way.

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord,
And great shall be the peace of thy children.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom.

And they were astonished at his teaching,
For he taught them as having authority, and not as their scribes.

Go ye and stand and speak in the temple unto the people all the words of this life.

Whosoever shall do and teach them he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

And he gave . . . . teachers
For the perfecting of the saints
Unto the work of ministering.
Unto the building up of the body of Christ:

Till we all attain unto the unity of the faith,
And of the knowledge of the son of God,
Unto a full grown man,
Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;
But when that which is perfect is come
That which is in part shall be done away.
Wherefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto perfection.
And the God of peace be with you.

4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Sermon.
3. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**

V. The Closing Worship.

1. Offering, **with Organ accompaniment.**
2. Prayer and Benediction. **Congregation seated.**

   Amen by the Choir.
3. Organ Postlude.

III. The Order for Special Services

The Order for Communion Sunday

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.
2. The Call to Worship.

   Sentence by the Choir.
   Sentence by the Minister.

3. The Invocation.

   Minister: Almighty and most merciful Father, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than we desire or deserve; have mercy now upon Thy servants who bow before Thee; pardon and forgive us all our sins; give us grace truly to repent of and heartily to forsake them; preserve us ever in the unity of Thy holy church, in the integrity of the Christian faith, in the love of Thee and of our neighbor, in the hope of eternal life and in Thy peace which passeth all understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

   Amen by the Choir.

   All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

   Amen by the Choir.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

Now unto the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because of the tender mercy of our God,
Whereby the dayspring from on high shall visit us,
To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And hide not Thyself from my supplication.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned every one to his own way;
And the Lord laid upon him the iniquity of us all.
Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:
He was wounded for our transgressions,
And bruised for our iniquities.
The chastisement of our peace was upon him,
And with his stripes we are healed.

God, who said, Let there be light, hath shined in our hearts,
To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,
Nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,

Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing,
Shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. Hymn 273. Tune, Rathbun.
(273 Hymn Book.)

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time:
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds new lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified.
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant.
3. Offering. with Organ accompaniment.
4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Sermon.
3. Invitation to the Communion.
4. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**

V. The Communion Service.

1. The Confession of Faith and Purpose, and Reception of Members.

Candidates standing.

Minister: Our Lord saith; Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Every one who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven.

Let us join in the confession of our common faith and purpose:

WE BELIEVE

In the one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all: and we desire to render to Him our supreme love and loyalty:

WE ACCEPT

One Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the revealer of God, and the Way, the Truth and the Life for men.

WE WORSHIP

God, who is Spirit, in spirit and in truth, as the Helper of our infirmities and the Inspirer of our souls.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES

To the kingdom of God in the world, which is the sway of His spirit in the hearts and lives of men; of which the one law is love, and the final end the unity of all spirits in the life that is one with God.

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES

To strive by prayer and self-mastery to forsake sin and live the life of faith, purity and love; in order that we may grow in grace, in the knowledge of the truth, and in the love and service of mankind; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AND WE HOPE

For the forgiveness of sins and the life eternal by union with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

(To those who join on confession:)

Do you who enter into fellowship with us join heartily in the spirit of this confession and purpose?

Ans. I Do.

Baptism.

As many of you as are baptized into Christ do put on Christ.

(Name) I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Or This: In the name of God, the Father and the life-giving Spirit, I baptize you into the faith and service of Jesus Christ His Son.

AMEN.

(To those who bring letters of transfer;)

Beloved: You come recommended to us by the church of your former fellowship; Renewing with us your confession of faith, do you also enter into particular covenant with this church, and promise to join in its worship and work, to accept its rules, to labor for its growth, purity and peace, and to walk with its members in love and faithfulness?

Ans. I Do.

Response of the Church.

The Church standing.

Minister: This church then opens to you its gates.

Church: **We stand by your side in fellowship henceforth.**

In the name of Jesus Christ we welcome you to his service here.

We greet you as fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

All the churches of Christ salute you.

We promise you our sympathy, our brotherhood, our prayers.

And the God of peace sanctify you wholly.

Beloved: The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, forever and ever.

AMEN.

2. The Communion.

The Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, was sitting at meat with the twelve. And as they were eating he took bread and when he had blessed it he brake it and gave to his disciples.

Prayer.

And he said: "Take it: this is my body." Let us do this in remembrance of him.

Distribution of the bread.

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and they all drank of it.

Prayer.

And He said unto them: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is being shed for many." Let us do this in remembrance of him.

Distribution of the cup.

VI. The Concluding Worship.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Prayer and Benediction. **Congregation seated.**
   Amen by the Choir.
3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for Christmas Sunday

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. Christmas Anthem by the Choir.

3. The Invocation.

Minister: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee that Thou hast from remotest ages loved and cared for the human race. We thank Thee that when the time was ripe Thou didst send forth Thy son Jesus, born of woman and cradled in helplessness, to grow up and reveal to the world what Thou art in Thy goodwill to men. For his sake may we ever keep in mind the sacred hopefulness of childhood, remembering his word that of such is the kingdom of heaven. Because of what Thy holy child Jesus became may we take courage for the future of mankind, and know that they who believe in him shall become like unto him when they see him as he is. Grant us now Thy grace and blessing as we offer up our common supplication unto Thee, and praise Thee for Thy unspeakable gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen by the Choir.

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

AMEN BY THE CHOIR.

4. Responsive Sentences. **Congregation standing.**

Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill to men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

We are not worthy, O Lord, of the least of all the loving kindnesses and of the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy children.
For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
He was in the world and the world knew him not.
The God of this world blinded the minds of them that believed not.
He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God.
And every one that hath this hope set on Him, purifieth himself

Even as He is pure.
Thy loving kindness, O God, is in the heavens,
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.
Thou hast visited and wrought redemption for Thy people.
For unto us a child is born;
Unto us a son is given:
He shall have dominion also from sea to sea.
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
He shall not fail nor be discouraged
Till he have set judgment in the earth,
And the isles shall wait for his law.
Blessed be the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things.
And blessed be His glorious name forever:
And let the whole earth be filled with His glory!

AMEN AND AMEN.

5. Hymn 185. Tune, Portuguese Hymn.

(185 Hymn Book.)

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels.
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given.
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing,

O come let us adore him, etc.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant or Anthem.
3. Responsive Lesson. **Congregation seated.**

The Light of the World

God, having in old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets,

Hath in these last days spoken unto us in His son.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

Unto them hath the light shined.

There was the true light, which lighteth every man, coming into the world.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come,

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

And the nations shall come to thy light

And kings to the brightness of thy rising.

No man hath seen God at any time;

The only begotten son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Ye are the light of the world;

A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light,

And there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world,

And men loved darkness rather than light

Because their deeds were evil.

Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead,

And Christ shall shine upon thee.

4. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. The Sermon.

1. Hymn. Congregation standing.
2. Sermon.
3. Anthem.

V. The Closing Worship.

1. The Offering, with Organ accompaniment.
   Amen by the Choir.
2. Prayer and Benediction. Congregation seated.
3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for Easter Sunday

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.
2. Easter Anthem by the Choir.
3. The Invocation.

Minister: O God, Thou art not the God of the dead but of the living, for unto Thee all are alive. We bless Thee for the revelation through Thy son Jesus of life and immortality. We bless Thee that when the disciples of Jesus were plunged in despair by his death, Thou didst grant them the confident assurance that he still lived and would be with them unto the end of the world. Grant us that being partakers with him of the life of spirit we may rise from the death of sin unto the life eternal. With the multitude whom no man can number, who have witnessed a good confession and passed into the life immortal, we join in the endless anthem of praise for this eternal comfort and good hope through grace which has come to us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen by the Choir.

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Amen by the Choir.

4. Responsive Sentences. Congregation standing.

We praise Thee, O God:

We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee,

The Father everlasting.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.

For with Thee is the fountain of life;

In Thy light we shall see light.

As for man, his days are as grass;

As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it and it is gone,

And the place thereof shall know it no more.

Lord, what is man, that Thou art mindful of him,

Or the son of man, that Thou visitest him.

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God;

Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;

For His mercy endureth for ever.

Now hath Christ been raised from the dead,

The first fruits of them that are asleep.

As we have borne the image of the earthy,

We shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

O death, where is thy victory?

O death, where is thy sting?

Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory,

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Hymn. Tune, St. Agnes. (364 Hymn Book)

Secure on God's all tender heart
  Alike rest great and small;
Why fear to lose our little part
  When He is pledged for all?

I know not what the future hath
  Of marvel or surprise:
Assured alone that life and death
  His mercy underlies.

And so beside the silent sea
  I await the muffled oar.
No harm from Him can come to me
  On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
  Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
  Beyond His love and care.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Chant or Anthem.
3. Responsive Lesson. Congregation seated.

The Risen Life of Spirit

It is Christ that died,
Yea, rather, that was raised from the dead;
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;

Death hath no more dominion over him.

Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin,

But alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

For if we died with him we shall also live with him.

If we endure we shall also reign with him.

God, being rich in mercy,

For his great love wherewith He loved us,

Even when we were dead through our trespasses

Made us alive together with Christ.

If ye then were raised together with Christ,

Seek the things that are above.

If we live by the spirit, by the spirit also let us walk.

That we may know him, and the power of his resurrection,

And the fellowship of his sufferings,

If by any means we may attain unto the resurrection from the dead.

Wherefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.

We would not have you to be ignorant, brethren,

Concerning them who fall asleep:

That ye sorrow not even as the rest who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

Even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved,

We have a building from God,

A house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will; working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ,

AMEN.

4. Anthem.

III. THE PRAYER.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.

IV. THE SERMON.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Sermon.
3. Anthem.

V. THE CLOSING WORSHIP.

1. The Offering, **with Organ accompaniment.**
2. Prayer and Benediction. **Congregation seated.**

AMEN BY THE CHOIR.

3. Organ Postlude.

The Order for Children's Sunday

I. The Opening Worship.

1. Organ Prelude.

2. Processional.

3. The Invocation.

Minister: O God, our Father, though we cannot see Thee, nor hear Thy voice, we know that Thou art here and that Thy influence is in every willing heart. We thank Thee for the certainty that Thou lovest us all, and for the word of Jesus that children, and those who are childlike in heart, belong to Thy kingdom. Help us to have the spirit of Thy child Jesus, who loved the truth and goodness, and gave all his life to the help of others. Help us in our daily life to overcome the spirit of selfishness by having sympathy and love for all those about us, as he did. Help us to listen always for the still, small voice of Thy love and truth within us, and to make it our habit to respond to it without waiting. Grant us Thy blessing in this service; may we worship Thee for Thy great love and goodness: may we be real disciples of Thy son Jesus, and may we love one another as Thou lovest us.

Amen by the Choir.

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

AMEN BY THE CHOIR.

4. Responsive Sentences. **Congregation standing.**

I was glad when they said unto me
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
This is the day which the Lord hath made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same,
The Lord's name is to be praised.
To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be glory and majesty, dominion and power.
The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him,
To all that call upon Him in truth.
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us
According as we have hoped in Thee.
Come ye children, hearken unto me,
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Both young men and maidens, old men and children,
Let them praise the name of the Lord.
Jesus said, Suffer the little children and forbid them not, to come unto me,
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.
And the children were crying in the temple and saying,

Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child
The same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

5. Hymn. Tune, Laudes Domini.

(Hymn Book 57)

When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised.

To Thee, my God, above,
I cry with glowing love,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
This song of sacred joy,
It never seems to cloy;
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this the eternal song
Through ages all along,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

II. The Lessons.

1. Scripture Lesson.
2. Baptism. (See p. 61.)
3. Anthem.

III. The Prayer.

1. Prayer by the Minister.
2. Response by the Choir.
3. Response by all.

A Children's Litany

Supt.: O loving Father, we Thy children come to Thee because we love Thee and desire to be near Thee.

Bow down Thine ear and hear us, our Father.

Because Thou art true and beautiful and good

We worship Thee, our Father.

Because Thou hast raised up Jesus our Lord to show us what our Father is like,

We give Thee praise and thanks.

Because he has also shown us how Thy children should live,

We give Thee praise and thanks.

Because he has welcomed the little children to the kingdom of heaven,

We give Thee praise and thanks.

Because Thou art our protector and friend in darkness and light, in joy and in sorrow, in fear and temptation,

We give Thee praise and thanks.

That we may be loving and obedient children of Thine, abiding in Thy love,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

That we may love the things Thou lovest and hate the evil things which Thou dost hate,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

That we may seek, as Thou dost, to make the good and the true prevail more and more, in our hearts and everywhere,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

That we may have a spirit of love and gentleness toward all, and forgive those who injure us, as we desire Thee to forgive us,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

That we may be diligent and faithful in all our duties, that we may learn to help ourselves and trust Thee for our daily needs,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

That we may be honorable, truthful, courteous, kind and considerate toward the weak and helpless,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

That we may shun evil and temptation, choose good companions and good reading, and fit ourselves for strong and useful lives,

We pray Thee to help us, our Father.

For all who are sick or afflicted, for all who are tempted and careless, for all who are under evil influences and bad surroundings, and who do not know Thee,

We pray for Thy light and help.

That Thou wilt bless our parents, our pastors and teachers, and give them Thy constant aid,

We beseech Thee to hear us, our Father.

That Thy kingdom may grow and prevail, and that Thy good will may become the will of all men more and more,

We will ever pray and hope, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

AMEN.

IV. THE SERMON.

1. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. A Sermon for Children.
3. Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
4. Offering. **with Organ accompaniment.**

Distribution of Flowers.

V. THE CLOSING WORSHIP.

1. A Short Closing Hymn. **Congregation standing.**
2. Benediction. AMEN BY THE CHOIR.

Recessional.

Order for the Baptism of little Children

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ saith; "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me."

1. Chant by the Choir. (Hymn Book 914)

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not,
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.
For the promise is unto you and to your children,
And to all that are afar off,
Even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

2. Covenant.

Beloved. Grace to you and to your household, from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

You offer this child in consecration to God and to the service of His kingdom.

You pledge yourselves on its behalf to give it Christian nurture and training; invoking daily help thereto from Him "from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named"; and diligently seeking to awaken and develop in its heart a confident faith in God as its Father, and a growing devotion to a life of love and service in behalf of His kingdom.

Ans. We Do.

3. Baptism.

(Name).

(Formula as on p. 42).

AMEN.

4. Response of Welcome by the Church.

(The church rises and remains standing until the close of the prayer.)

We therefore receive this child into the shelter and care of the church. We welcome it as a child of the church, with a claim upon its prayers, its help, its instruction and its sympathy, and in the confident hope that in due time it will voluntarily assume the duties and privileges of full membership and co-operation.

5. Prayer.

6. Chant by the Choir. (Hymn Book 914)

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean.
A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you;
I will pour my Spirit upon your seed and my blessing upon your offspring.

The Order of the Marriage Service

Dearly Beloved: We are gathered together here, in the sight of God and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is honorable in all, and therefore not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in reverence toward God.

Into this holy estate these two persons come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

M. Wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her and comfort her, honor and keep her, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

Ans. I Will.

N. Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him and comfort him, honor and keep him, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

Ans. I Will.

(Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?)

(The parties will join right hands, and say after the minister,

I, M. take thee, N. to my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

I, N. take thee, M., to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

(In case the parties do not desire to make the responses themselves, the minister may ask them, in this form, "Dost thou, M. take N. to thy wedded wife, etc., and the parties shall respond at the close, severally, "I do.")

(The man may then present the ring to the minister, who shall give it back to him to be placed on the hand of the bride;)

With this ring you bind the pledge and seal the vow, in the name of our Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

AMEN.

Forasmuch as M. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, I do therefore pronounce them to be husband and wife, by the authority of the State and in the name of God,

AMEN.

And whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

Prayer.

Benediction.

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

AMEN.

An Order of Service for Funerals

1. A Hymn, if desired.
2. The Reading of Scripture Sentences.

A Collection of Sentences from which Selections May be Made

I am the resurrection and the life; saith the Lord;
He that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live;
And whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

How precious is Thy loving kindness, O God!
And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of Thy wings.
For with Thee is the fountain of life;
In Thy light we shall see light.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all the generations;
Before the mountains were born,
Before Thou gavest birth to the earth or the world,
From age to age Thou art God.
Thou turnest man back to crumbling dust,
And sayest, Return ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are as yesterday when it was passing,
As a watch in the night,
We bring our years to an end as a sigh.
Hear my prayer, O Lord,
Hold not Thy peace at my tears;
For I am but a guest with Thee,
A sojourner, like all my fathers.
For we are but of yesterday and know nothing,
Because our days on earth are a shadow.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth do change,
And the mountains are thrown down in the heart of the seas.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness.
Like as a father pitieth his children
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him;
For he knoweth our frame,
He remembereth that we are dust.
The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me
Because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;
He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
The opening of the prison to them that are bound,
To comfort those that mourn.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the covert of His tabernacle shall He hide me;
He shall set me up upon a rock.
And One shall be as a hiding place from the wind
And a covert from the storm;
As streams in a dry place,
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
Fear not, for I have redeemed thee;
I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.
When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee,
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee;
When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned;
Neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the angel of His Presence saved them.
In His love and in His pity he redeemed them;
And he bare them and carried them all the days of old.
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing?
And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.
Fear ye not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Let not your heart be troubled.
Ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions;
I go to prepare a place for you.
If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, the Spirit of truth.
I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you;
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me
Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth;
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors;
For their works follow with them.
But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, ... when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive.
O death, where is thy victory!
O death, where is thy sting!
Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who hath abolished death,
And brought life and immortality to light.
For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,

Nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing
Shall be able to separate us from the love of God
Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To him that overcometh will I give of the hidden manna,
And I will give him a white stone,
And upon the stone a new name written,
Which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it.
He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me on my throne,
Even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father on His throne.
Love never faileth:
But whether there be prophecies they shall be done away;
Whether there be tongues, they shall cease;
Whether there be knowledge it shall be done away.
For now we see in a mirror, darkly; then, face to face;
Now we know in part; then shall we know even as we are known.
And now abideth faith, hope, love; these three;
And the greatest of these is love.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Who, according to His great mercy, begat us again unto a living hope

By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
Unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away.
Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now, for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials:
That the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire,
May be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
Whom having not seen ye love;
In whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father
Who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
Comfort your hearts, and establish them in every good work and word.

For the Funeral of a Child

Jesus said; Suffer the little children and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me.
See that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.
It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

For the Funeral of an Aged Person

Thou art my hope, O Lord God;
Thou art my trust from my youth;
Now also, when I am old and gray headed, forsake me not,
Until I have shown Thy strength to this generation,
And Thy power to every one that is to come.
And even to old age, I am He,
And even to hoar hairs will I carry you.
Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength, fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow,
For it is soon gone and we fly away.

3. Remarks, if desired.
4. Prayer.
5. A Hymn, if desired.
6. The Committal Service.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.
He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down,
He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not.
But the loving kindness of the Lord is from age to age:
And His righteousness unto children's children:

To such as keep His covenant,
And to those that remember His commandments to do them.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased God to take to Himself the soul of our brother beloved, we here commit his body to the ground,
Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
Believing in the continued life of the spirit, which is not compounded of the perishable and the transient, but is akin to the eternal Spirit.
That which is born of the flesh is flesh;
And that which is born of the Spirit is spirit,
That which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be:
But God giveth it a body even as it pleased Him,
And to each seed a body of its own.
It is sown a natural body;
It is raised a spiritual body.
That is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual.
As we have borne the image of the earthy,
We shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

7. Prayer.

8. Benediction.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish them in every good work and word.

AMEN.

A Few Appropriate Verses for Funerals

I long for household voices gone;
  For vanished smiles I long:
But God hath led my dear ones on,
  And he can do no wrong.

I know not what the future hath
  Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
  His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
  To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
  But strengthen and sustain.

All as God wills, who wisely heeds
  To give or to withhold.
And knoweth more of all my needs
  Than all my prayers have told.

Enough that blessings undeserved
  Have marked my erring track;
That wheresoe'er my feet have erred
  His chastening turned me back:

That death seems but a covered way
  Which opens into light;
Wherein no blinded child can stray
  Beyond his Father's sight.

And so, beside the silent sea,
  I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
  On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
  Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
  Beyond His love and care.

—*Whittier.*

Strong Son of God, Immortal Love,
  Whom we that have not seen thy face
  By faith and faith alone embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove;

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust:
  Thou madest man, he knows not why:
  He thinks he was not made to die:
And Thou hast made him: Thou art just.

Love is and was my king and Lord,
  And will be, though as yet I keep
  Within his court on earth, and sleep
Encompassed by his faithful guard,

And hear at times a sentinel
  Who moves about from place to place
  And whispers in the worlds of space,
In the deep night, that all is well.

And all is well, though faith and form
  Be sundered in the night of fear:
  Well roars the storm to those that hear
A deeper voice across the storm.

—*Tennyson.*

How blest the righteous when he dies;
  When sinks a weary soul to rest.
How mildly beam the closing eyes;
  How gently heaves the expiring breast.

So fades a summer cloud away;
  So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
  So dies a wave along the shore.

Mrs. Barbauld.

If we could go some day
  Before age claims us for its prey;
  Drop out of all this strife
    That we call life;
  And without coward fears,
  Or fainting heart, or wasting tears,
  Find suddenly the land
  Of all our dreams, and stand
  There face to face with treasure lost,
  The friends whose dread departure cost
    Our souls such sore distress,
    Such agony of wretchedness,—
  If we could go like this,
  With consciousness of bliss
  Set full before us, who would stay
    To linger on the way
    Through weary year by year,
    Till time was ripe and sear
    With length of days and loss?

—*Anon.*